

Workshop

Technology and Mobility in Africa

Exploring a New Analytical Field

Organized by Katrien Pype (KU Leuven), Jeroen Cuvelier (UGent) and Clapperton Mavhunga (MIT)

Venue : Faculty of Social Sciences, Parkstraat 45, 3000 Leuven

Full program and abstracts available at www.iara.be and www.conflictresearchgroup.be

Thursday, 17 October 2013

Room: AW 91.21

8.00-8.30: Registration of the participants & coffee

8.30-8.45: Welcome speech by Filip De Boeck, full professor, head of Institute of Anthropological Research in Africa (KU Leuven)

8.45-9.00: Clapperton Chakanetsa Mavhunga (associate professor, Science, Technology & Society, MIT) and Katrien Pype (assistant professor, Institute of Anthropological Research in Africa, KU Leuven) – workshop statement

9.00-11.00: Panel 1: Mobility, technology and the environment

chair: Jeroen Cuvelier (postdoctoral researcher, Conflict Research Group, Department of Conflict & Development Studies, UGent)

discussant: Steven Van Wolputte (associate professor, Institute of Anthropological Research in Africa, KU Leuven)

- Clapperton Chakanetsa Mavhunga (associate professor, Science, Technology & Society, MIT)
If we remove technology, is it still possible to talk about mobility?
- Harrison Esam Awuh (postdoctoral scholar, Geography, Leuven),
The Social Impact of Conservation-Induced Displacement: The Case of The Baka Conservation Refugees of South Cameroon
- Pieter Vlaeminck (doctoral researcher, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, KU Leuven)
Optimal Resettlement Strategies to Mitigate Landslide Risks on Mount Elgon, East Uganda

11.00-11.15: coffee break

11.15-13.15: Panel 2: Mobility and Networks

chair: Clapperton Chakanetsa Mavhunga (associate professor, Science, Technology and Society, MIT)

discussant: Stefaan Smis (professor, Research Group of International Law, VUB)

- Gillian Mathys (doctoral researcher, Research Group Communities, Comparisons, Connections - History, UGent)
Borderlands and people on the move: Mobility in the Lake Kivu region 19th century-1960
- Stephanie Kerckhofs (Doctoral researcher, Interfaculty Centre for Agrarian History, University of Leuven)
Farming in tropical Africa. Agricultural science and agricultural knowledge networks in Belgian Congo (1908-1960)
- Thomas Hendriks (postdoctoral researcher, Institute of Anthropological Research in Africa, KU Leuven)
Roads in the Rainforest. (Im)mobility and (dis)connection in and around a Congolese logging camp

13.15-14.30: lunch

14.30-16.30: Panel 3: Mobility as Practice

chair: TBA

discussant: Filip De Boeck (full professor, KU Leuven)

- Steven Van Bockstael (doctoral researcher, Conflict Research Group - Department of Conflict and Development Studies, UGent)
Migrants, miners, and mechanics: exploring the linkages between migratory labour and the professionalization of artisanal mining livelihoods in sub-Saharan Africa
- Stefaan Dondeyne (professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, KU Leuven)
In search of gold in Mozambique: reconciling artisanal mining and rural development
- Jeroen Cuvelier (postdoctoral researcher, Conflict Research Group, Department of Conflict & Development Studies, UGent)
"Bilanga": the negotiation of taxes in the informal cross-border food trade between Congo and Zambia

16.30-16.45: coffee break

16.45-17.15: Gijs Mom, associate professor, University of Technology, Eindhoven: key note talk, ***Peripheral? Southern? Underdeveloped? Or just: Different? Conceptualizing Non-hegemonic Mobilities***

17.15-17.45: discussion led by Clapperton Chakanetsa Mavhunga (associate professor, Science, Technology & Society, MIT)

17.45-18.00 Closing remarks by a member of the organizing committee

19.30-21.30: conference dinner

Friday, 18 October 2013
Room SW 02.15

10.00-12.00 Panel 4: Technologies of Mobility (Migration, resettlement and displacement)

chair: Idesbald Goddeeris (associate professor, Modernity and Society 1800-2000, KU Leuven)

discussant: Hannelore Roos (postdoctoral researcher, Interculturalism, Migration and Minorities Research Centre, KU Leuven)

- Martha Chinouya (senior lecturer, School of Health and Life Sciences, Northumbria University)
Africans in England: (Im)migration and technologies of negotiating Diaspora
- Noel Salazar (assistant professor, Interculturalism, Migration and Minorities Research Centre, KU Leuven)
Imaginative technologies of (im)mobility in Tanzania
- Guillaume Bumba (doctoral researcher, Institute of Anthropological Research in Africa, KU Leuven)
Migration, Mining cultures and urbanization in the border regions of DR Congo and Angola

12.00-13.00: lunch

13.00-15.00 Panel 5: Mobile technologies

chair: Nadia Fadil (assistant professor, Interculturalism, Migration and Minorities Research Centre, KU Leuven)

discussant: TBA

- Jessika Nilsson (Doctoral researcher, Interculturalism, Migration and Minorities Research Centre, KU Leuven)
Mobile Lives - Mobile Technologies
- Katrien Pype (assistant professor, Institute of Anthropological Research in Africa, KU Leuven)
Dialectics between Cultural Practices of Mobility and Communication Technology: the case of Elders and Mobile Phone Usage in Kinshasa
- Alessandro Jedlowski (postdoctoral researcher, Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale et Culturelle, Université de Liège)
All for a container! Technological mediation, transnational business and love affairs

15.00-15.15: Coffee break

15.15-16.00: Conclusions by the organizing committee

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